publication of objectionable photographs. PCI also take *suo-motu* action against obscene/vulgar depiction of women.

Functioning of DD and AIR under Prasar Bharati

†2097. SHRI KAPIL SIBAL:
SHRI RAJIV RANJAN SINGH 'LALAN':

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether government have reviewed the functioning of Doordarshan and All India Radio after these institution have been brought under the Prasar Bharati;

(b) if so, the institutions which have been asked by Government to conduct the review; and

(c) the details of the improvement noticed so far?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD): (a) to (c) A Review Committee under the Chairmanship of Shri Shunu Sen, Chairman & Chief Executive, Quadra Advisory, Marketing Consultant was constituted on 22.11.1999 which submitted a detailed report to the Government on 20.5.2000. The Expenditure Reforms Commission (ERC) under Chairmanship of Shri K.P. Geetha Krishnan in its report, submitted on 20.9.2000, also made recommendations on the rationalizing of the functions, activities and structure of the Ministry of I&B including AIR and Doordarshan. Action in pursuance of the reports of the Committee is under examination in consultation with Prasar Bharati.

Expenditure on DD news channel

†2098 SHRI RAJIV RANJAN SINGH 'LALAN':
SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the estimated expenditure has been assessed for starting a new news channel on Doordarshan;

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†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.